

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ST MULLINS**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	20
Litter Control	40	19	18
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	195	186

St Mullins, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the map that was enclosed with your entry form and was very helpful on adjudication day. Your committee continues to do very good work so that St Mullins continues to look well presented. You continue to co-operate with the Carlow County Council who will be only too glad to give whatever assistance and help they can to your Tidy Towns Committee, as will FÁS, the schools and Carlow Rural Tourism. Perhaps, now is the time to assess what has been completed and to work on any outstanding items listed in your plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have completed the floodlighting of the monastic ruins. Well done to all concerned. One does look forward to the opportunity of seeing it at night. The graveyard was clean, neat and tidy and the paths were well maintained. The pub continues to be very well presented, as does the coffee shop on the quayside. The public toilets are well maintained but better care and attention is needed inside. I note the difficulties you are having with the buildings near the quayside and also the building at the entrance to the well. However, hopefully a solution will be found in due course and that the owners will co-operate with your committee. The pump is a nice feature and continues to be maintained in a neat and tidy condition.

LANDSCAPING

You have large areas of open, green space to maintain and to monitor. They were generally kept in a neat the tidy condition. More regular cutting may be needed on the green spaces at the quayside. The flowers and plants outside the wall of the monastic ruins were well cared for and weed free.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It was wonderful to see the display sign put up depicting the wildlife in the area. The overall presentation and artwork was of an excellent standard. Again, well done to all concerned for pursuing this element of the project. Perhaps in future years you might consider producing a leaflet with similar artwork to the display sign for distribution in schools and to visitors.

LITTER CONTROL

Your control of litter throughout is very good. The spring

clean helped to get it off to a good start. In the control of litter vigilance must be maintained at all times. There were some small pieces to be seen on the green down at the quayside. The area around the monastery and the public toilets were very good with just a few small items near the toilet area. I note that you have large bins to counteract visitors dumping litter.

TIDINESS

There is an absence of fly-posting and graffiti throughout. Control of weed growth at kerbs, at the base of buildings and walls is good. The area near the public toilets should be kept weeded. The verges by the quayside need to be trimmed to keep them tidy. The same applies to the verges facing onto the pathways in the open green spaces near the monastery areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the property owners present them very well throughout with the odd exception. As mentioned in last year's report, there are so few residences in St Mullins that all householders have to be encouraged to maintain a very good standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The area in front of the houses and the coffee shop at the quayside has been newly surfaced with tarmac. It gives the area a tidy and clean appearance. The approach roads have had the grass trimmed back and this presented a tidier appearance. The signposting was clean and in good condition. The committee will no doubt continue to maintain the wildlife sign and the Slí na Sláinte signs in good condition. Regular cleaning would help in that respect.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is hoped that your efforts to tackle the local problems which are causing difficulties for you will be successful. Your approach is one of dedication and you have a large committee to work on the various aspects. Your village is very attractive and is set in a delightfully peaceful area. You continue to work very hard so that you can present it in the best possible light. Please keep up the very good work and well done to all concerned.